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the Cherokees.

In April, 1829, Samuel Houston, then 36 years of age, in the full flush of personal popularity and political success, surprised the people of the United States by resigning the office What was the cause of this abandon-ment of a successful and promising career has never been definitely discovered. Houston never revealed it, left to invent various sensational and blow that had rendered civilized life romantic stories. He had been married three months previously, and the thoughts of the possibilities of his most current romance was that his abandoned career must have obtrud-wife had confessed in a moment of ed themselves upon him with more despair or irritation that she had and more persistent regret, and the never loved him and that her affections were still engrossed by another. Such a blow might have been suffit the years went by. cient to have unhinged an ardent and To the unhappiness and degrada-passionate nature like that of Hous-tion of this life there came a hope of ton, never remarkable for self-control, relief and redemption in the news of ble, and that no price was too heavy

conspicuous an

ABANDONMENT OF FORTUNE and honor from that motive, but there have been many, even to this day, in which persons of intelligence and station have abandoned all the hopes of a successful career and the charms of civilized society from an irresistible impulse to live with the children of nature and indulge their primitive instincts. Houston had shown a strong bent in this direction throughout his whole life. When a mere lad he had left his mother's cabin in the mountains of Tennessee and lived for five years with his friends and neighbors, the Cherokees, learned their language, which is so difficult that no adult person is said to have ever acquired it, and thoroughly adopted their ways and customs. Tradition says that he had been adopted into the family of a chief, and at any rate his courage, shared a campaign with them, a considerable force of Cherokees acting as

ing, and was, to

ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, Cherokee brave. Houston had more than one natural characteristic of the Indian besides his fondness for wild life, and particularly shared the pinnacle of fame. their fondness for barbaric display and theatrical effect. He may have been as careless and slatternly as they when lounging about the cabin or on ordinary occasions, but at the council or any gathering of the tribe he arrayed himself in all the picturesque habit of the Indian brave. The Cherokees did not point the rokees did not paint themselves like their neighbors, the Osages, and the other plains Indians, but maintained at this period their barbaric dress of buckskin hunting shirt, leggings and moccasins, and adorned their locks with the feathers of the eagle and the wild turkey. On occasions of state, Houston arrayed himself with the best. He has been described as wearing, in full dress, a broidered, yellow leggings and moccasins elaborately worked with beads, and a circlet of turkey feathers for his head. He let his hair grow and braided it in a long queue, and wore his beard upon his chin in a "gostee," shaving the rest of his fact.

The Indians are very quick to ridi. tee," shaving the rest of his face. The Indians are very quick to ridi-cule any tricks of ways and manners, and Houston's theatrical dignity and splendor did not escape their satire.
on one occasion, at a council meeting, they arrayed a negro in a caricature of his atire and stationed him behind his seat, where he imitated his pose and manner, to the great glee of the assembly. Houston bore the presence of his imitator with a shrewed indifference, and the joke

was not repeated. Houston remained an intimate of the cabin of his friend, John Jolly, for more than a year, and was regarded as his adopted son. It was here that he fell in love with a Cherokee woman named Tyenia Rogers. She was a half-breed of great personal beauty, and as tall and stately for her sex as Houston himself. With her

GEN. HOUSTON'S EXILE. he took up as his wife, and removed to the west of the Grand river, oppoclearing, which still remains, and erected a log cabin, which was burnt during the war. He maintained himsel by keeping a small trading store, and, as usual, after the Indian fashion, by a little slatternly farming and careless stock raising. He was not more ambitious or industrious than United States by resigning the office of governor of Tennessee, which he had held for two years, by a letter of dignified stateliness, assigning as a reason an exigency in his personal affairs which he did not describe. What was the cause of this abandon-ways to a successful and promising interests and capabilities could always remain content with the narrow interests and interests and

DEGRADING HARITS OF SAVAGES, so far as is known, even to his most however strong the barbaric elements intimate friends, and conjecture was in his nature, or however severe the

and it is also not impossible, although the stirring of national life in Texas, it might be considered more extraordinary that a longing for the savage | foundation of a new empire and of a life such as he had experienced dur-ing his youth, had become irresisti-among its American settlers. All the adventurous spirits of the border were attracted by the scent of warto pay for its indulgence.

There is no instance of quite so fare and the hope of fortune, and a small party was formed of the daring rovers in the Indian Territory. Houston joined this, and naturally became the leader, although he was so poor at the time that he had to take his departure on a small pony unfit to carry his weight, which was finally exchanged by the good-will of one of his associates, for a more presentable horse. He did not at once conquer his feeling of degradation and hopelessness, but remained for ometime with a small settlement of Cherokees upon the Red River before going forward to Texas. Perhaps deprived of the opportunity for indulgence, his manly qualities strength-ened themselves, or the news of the imminence of the struggle with Mex-ico still further fired his spirit, and he finished his journey with such re-

chief, and at any rate his courage, activity, and companionable qualities when he had established himself and when he had established himself and won fame and honor in Texas, he made him a fayorite as well as a tol-erated resident of the tribe. After he had left them and returned to civili-ration, in his early manhood, he shared a campaign with them, a con-thance of the shared a campaign with them, a con-NO INDIAN CHILDREN.

allies to Jackson's army in the Creek but the family of his wife was a large war, and they had seen his acts of and notable one, and his nephews desperate valor in the charge upon and nieces are numerous in the tribe. the last fastness of the defense at the battle of the Horse Shoe. At any influence and intelligence. To his rate, whatever the cause of the aban- credit, Houston never forgot his donment of his career, it was with his friendship with the Cherokees or en-old friends and companions that he deavored to ignore his life among old friends and companions that he sought refuge and seclusion.

Having settled up his affairs in Tennesses, he descended the river to Cairo, then a small trading post, where he fitted up a small flat-boat with whisky and Indian goods, and floated down the Mississippi to the mouth of the Arkansas. After a long and laborious voyage up the river he lonesty and consideration, he was far and laborious voyage up the river he honesty and consideration, he was far finally reached the mouth of the beyond the majority of the public Bayou Illinois, a small stream flowmen of his time, and particularly of ing into it about thirty miles below the spirit of border greed and prejudice, which is by no means yet ex-Fort Gibson. Here was situated the original town and council house of the tribe, and here was the home of his friend, the principal chief, known by the English name of John Jolly.

He took up his abode with the chief, putting on the Indian dress and adopting all their habits and manners. Living witnesses among the Cherokees have seen the old chief character. His rooms were always open to the Cherokee delegation when and Houston seated on the earthen open to the Cherokee delegation when floor of the cabin, by the wooden trough of ka-nau-ha-nu, hominy was their friendly companion as well which always stood in the center, and feeding each other in the aboriginal fashion of friendliness with the common spoon; and, although assuming too much dignity for the ball plays and sports, he took part in all the occupations of hunting and fish-powerful friend, and his name is perpetuated as an honorable patronymic in the younger generations, like that of William Penn.

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